

ANN LANDERS



Who Raised the Kid?

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from the mother who was ready to pull the hair out of her head because her 17-year-old son talks on the phone a lot to his girl. This is a problem?

Our 17-year-old son goes steady with a little snip who is 16. He is with her every night of the week. They either go to the movies or just ride around town. (He has his own car.) Our son's hair is nearly down to his shoulders, with a three-inch turn-up. The girl's hair is straight and stringy and her bangs are so long—I can't figure out how she breathes, let alone sees.

I am scared to death that these kids are going to get into trouble. Last night when I asked my husband to talk to the boy about sex he said, "It's up to the girl's parents to talk to HER."

If the girl gets pregnant is there a law that says our son has to marry her? We live in Michigan. — WORRIED MOTHER

Dear Mother: There is no law that can force a marriage. There is a law, however, that says a father must support his children. It's a mighty sad state of affairs when the mother of a 17-year old boy has to ask this question. Who raised this kid, anyway?

Dear Ann Landers: My sister is the quiet type but she has a will of iron. She also has tons of energy and is fantastically efficient.

I have four children and am pregnant again. During every one of my pregnancies, my sister has helped me out. I really appreciate her help (she can work rings around any cleaning woman), but I am becoming resentful because she is taking over my home.

Sis comes bursting in at any hour of the morning or night. She polishes, waxes, bakes, cooks, scrubs and tears apart closets and cupboards without even asking me if I want something done. She has made me feel that this is not my home any more.

I have told my husband of my resentment and his advice is, "Tell her off." But it's not as easy as it sounds. I'm afraid if I start, I'll say more than I should and it will be the end of our relationship. Right now I am exhausted from trying to straighten up the house before she comes. I hate letting her do so much of my work. Please help me. — ON THE RAZOR'S EDGE

Rear Edge: Your sister is such a driven, domineering person that there can be no compromise. Either (a) keep quiet or (b) tell her off and hire help to get you through this pregnancy or (c) do the work yourself. I vote for (b) or (c)—and I hope you do, too. You'll feel a lot better.

Confidential to How Do I Fight It: With your hat, Mister. Grab it and run. They say it takes two to make a marriage — a girl who is willing and a mother who is anxious. Get it?

Confidential to Reddy Freddy: I hope you are ready for plenty of trouble. The girl is underage (in every one of the 50 states) and her father can do plenty.

Confidential to Puzzled Paul: So am I. Your story sounds like something you dreamed on your last psychedelic trip. If you are on the level, send me your name and a self-addressed, stamped envelope and I will try to help you.

"The Bride's Guide," Ann Landers' booklet, answers some of the most frequently asked questions about weddings. To receive your copy of this comprehensive guide, write to Ann Landers, in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 35 cents in coin. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Church Will Host Missionary Team

The Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Driggers, missionaries to Africa, will be guest speakers for the annual missionary Faith Promise Day at Bethesda Assembly of God today. Services will be conducted at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

After having served as a pastor for a number of years in Southern California, Mr. and Mrs. Driggers went to Ghana, West Africa, with their two children in 1964. Their work there was with the Ashanti tribe.

The Ashanti are a proud people, famous for their ability at warfare. This tribe was never conquered by the British at the time they took over what was then called the Gold Coast. They number more than 500,000 and still live in the Ashanti forest, called the main forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Driggers have



VOTING DEVICE . . . Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (right) and County Commissioner Joe Castillo check out a new IBM voting device to be used in primary and general elections throughout the county this year. The device was demonstrated Friday during a town meeting hosted by Hahn at Stephen M. White Junior High School.

Charter Study Committee Seeks Public Viewpoint

The people of Torrance are being asked to help revise the city's most basic legal document—the Torrance City

Charter. Invitations to a special charter review hearing Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. were recently mailed to civic organizations, requesting that residents make independent studies of needed changes.

The Charter Review Committee, sponsoring the meeting, has been holding study sessions twice a month since July. Investigating the Charter's applicability to today's needs, the committee has studied the council-manager form of government, the need for an elected city clerk and a city treasurer, fiscal procedures, council salaries, compatibility with state laws, and other related questions.

Chairman Larry Bowman stated that any changes made in this document will be significant because of the size and importance of the city

of Torrance. Bowman added that all interested citizens are invited to present oral or written suggestions at the special meeting in order that general community objectivity may be met.

The Charter Review Committee is attempting to complete its study and proposed revisions for presentation to the City Council Nov. 1.

Committee members include Chairman Bowman, Dr. Stanley Yanase, Mrs. Betty Barnes, Mrs. Louise Radcliffe, Stanley Dunn, Leonard F. Kane, Jack Lamont, William Poser, Vern Smith, Lorne O'Brien.

Staff assistance is provided by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier and Lloyd de Llamas, senior administrative assistant.

Governor Considers Food Tax

Capital News Service

SACRAMENTO — Governor Ronald Reagan said he is considering proposing an extension of sales tax to food but only if the rate is reduced and rebates are provided for low income families.

The tax reform task force submitted a report to Reagan on proposed changes this week and Reagan said he still has not had the opportunity to give it his full consideration. However, he said the sales tax on food proposal was in the recommendations. Reagan said the task force report pointed out that a broader based sales tax, coupled with a reduced rate and a rebate to lower income families could make it more equitable and non-regressive.

THE GOVERNOR said the only way he could see broadening the sales tax base was in this context. In the past, Reagan said the regressive nature of the sales tax had been helped with exemptions and, if the exemptions are removed, other changes would have to be made.

Reagan was asked if he felt those persons entitled to a rebate because of low income would file to claim it. One of his arguments against a withholding tax has been that many persons would overpay the tax and not be aware they could claim a refund.

However, Reagan said that, in other states with the same system on sales tax, it was publicized widely that all persons below a certain income had the rebate coming and would apply for it. He said a study would be made of how the system works in these other states.

Joslyn Center Offers Interior Decoration

A new course in interior decorating will be one of the featured classes this season at Joslyn Center.

Sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department and open to all Torrance residents, classes include instruction in acrylics, art, ceramics, creative stitchery, drawing, home accessories, jewel-

ry, oil painting, sculpture, and craft designs.

Winter sessions begin tomorrow and continue through Saturday, March 23. Fees for the classes vary as to the number of class meetings and materials used.

In addition, a pre-schoolers activity class will be offered to children whose mothers are enrolled in the morning Joslyn classes.

Non-residents of the city of Torrance will be allowed to register, provided there is an opening in the desired class.

Creativity and originality is stressed in all art classes and students are given the opportunity to work on projects of their individual choice.

All registration is at Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd.

Two Area Men Honored for Missile Work

Two area residents are among 32 employees of the Douglas Aircraft Company's Missile and Space Systems Division to be honored for outstanding service to the company under its Value in Performance (VIP) Program.

J. H. Brettnacher, 213 Calle de Madrid, won recognition in the Saturn S-IVB formal qualification testing program, and Jack A. Ericsson, 1208 Amethyst St., Redondo Beach, was honored for his work in the missile contracts field.



WITH THANKS . . . Mrs. Esther Flood is presented the Citizen of the Year Award by Chuck Kinney of American Title Co. The award, sponsored by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, acknowledged Mrs. Flood's work with the tuberculosis patients at Harbor General Hospital. Every other week during the past 15 years she has taken cookies and messages to cheer the patients.

There Are Lots of Barbs In the Count's Mail Bag

"Count Marco: I have always suspected that underneath all that "domineering father-figure to the world's worst females" image, you were the peanut butter type."—Love, P.L.

Madam, I am never the sticky type.

"Dear Count Marco: You are a dirty slob. You are against all women and you are not the great-

COUNT MARCO

est male in the world. My husband is satisfied with me even though I do not bathe with him." —NON-BELIEVER

But there are other satisfactions when bathing together, like saving on soap and water.

"Sir: With a face like yours, I do not believe you have any room to talk. I feel that, with Reagan, you and little Shirley, who needs an enemy?"—NELLE

With a reader like you, I know I have an enemy.

"To my dear Count Marco: You can tell your readers that anyone going through the ruins of Cambodia must, as Mrs. Kennedy did, wear slacks, as there is so much climbing to be done.

"Anyway, as they say in England, America must see Jackie Kennedy as Her Majesty of America, and England's society should take a lesson from her." —MRS. A.P.

I think Jackie has done enough climbing without

reaching for the throne. Besides one lesson like her is enough in anyone's lifetime.

"Dear Count Marco: You made the statement, 'All a baby needs is feeding on a schedule and a change of diapers when necessary.' You were very much mistaken. A baby needs much, much more than that. How dare you say 'It needs no more attention than an animal.'"

—FURIOUS MOTHER

If you give your baby as much attention and love as I give my animals it will be sufficient. And when I say it, it must be so.

"Dear Count Marco: I took your advice about adding a little spice to my life and my husband. Let me tell you, Count Marco, I got more than I bargained for.

"I did as you said about the shower and the coffee. When I said "goodbye" to my husband and repeated the words you suggested he started down the steps, then turned completely around and came back in. Hung up his coat, threw his briefcase on the table, then marched to the telephone and called his office. Astonished, I heard him tell his secretary, "I just can't get out of bed today." And would you believe, Count Marco, that he couldn't and neither could I.

"You better warn your readers, when they follow your advice, don't plan anything else for the day."

Better not repeat those words I suggested every morning. Your husband may lose his job.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page A-6)

Crossword puzzle grid with ACROSS and DOWN clues. ACROSS clues include: 1-Human being, 7-Splendid, 14-Movie excellence, 20-Six, 21-One who nullifies, 22-Crossed water in boat, 24-... .., Hari, World War I spy, 26-Deposit, 27-West Indies (abbr.), 28-Deity, half goat, half man, 29-Six, 30-American Indian, 32-Something open to doubt, 34-Careless (pl.), 35-Border of garment, 37-Bennett . . . , publisher, 39-Rips, 40-Pieces and leaves in isolation, 41-Hindu woman's garment, 42-Iroquoian Indians, 44-Excavate, 45-Animal's lair, 46-Man's nickname, 47-Gem weight, 48-Escargots, 50-Popula myth of recent origin (pl.), 53-Calmly, 55-Fasten security, 57-Obscure implement, 60-Predatory incursion, 61-Coal pail (pl.), 65-Confronted with boldness, 68-A green faintly translucent quartz, 72-Volcano in Martinique, 73-George Wallace's state, 75-Dry, 77-Poem by Homer, 79-Sandarac tree, 80-Designs, 82-State (abbr.), 83-Manufacturer's association (abbr.). DOWN clues include: 1-A back door, 2-Printer's measure, 3-Male sheep, 4-Cooky, 5-A group of eight, 6-Approached, 7-Made bigger, 8-Jumps, 9-Shield, 10-Roam about idly, 11-By, 12-More recent, 13-Aquatic salamander, 14-Transgressor, 15-Scorch, 16-Shank, 17-Alder tree (Scot.), 18-Japanese measure, 19-Indefinite number, 20-Field topping (pl.), 23-A sheer corded cotton fabric, 31-Silkworm, 32-Shower frozen raindrops, 34-Bandors, 35-Pedal digits, 36-Rabbit, 38-One who makes a mock bow, 40-Chess pieces, 41-Foot coverings, 43-Child's blackboard, 45-Abase, 47-Overhead lining of a room, 49-Yellow ochre, 51-Gallows, 52-Mournful, 54-Ankle, 56-Erudite, 59-Thing in law, 61-Small, glittering object, 62-Relating to earthenware products, 63-Son of Shereah (Bib.), 64-Svelte, 66-Danish territorial division, 67-Withhold something from, 69-Spanish for yes, 70-Herbivorous mammal, 71-Deliver a formal speech, 74-Farewell, 76-Small rooms for clothes, 79-American author, 81-Chemical suffix, 84-More precipitous, 85-Oes, 86-Malay pewter coin, 87-Charge upon property, 89-One who pries in a meddlesome manner, 90-Combining form: gas, 91-To blend before use, 92-Caused to grow together, 94-Exclamation of triumph, 96-Moist, 97-Delayed beyond usual time, 98-Daub, 100-Occupied a seat, 102-First and second, 104-Suitable, 106-A tumor containing blood, 109-Repeated, 111-Plotting groups, 112-Egg dish (pl.), 113-Encounter, 114-Scandinavian, 116-Combining forms: neck, 117-Narrow aperture, 119-Buddhist church in Japan, 120-Turned inside out, 121-Recompense, 124-Fondle, 127-Flower (pl.), 130-Ankle, 131-Old World mammal, 132-Lift spirits of, 133-Weird, 136-Roman statesman, 137-Strike with open hand, 138-Pounce, 141-To deface, 143-Mark on dice, 145-Mortarboard, 148-Syllable of scale, 150-Artificial language, 152-Football position (abbr.).

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbers indicating starting points for clues.

Aeronca To Make Fuel Tanks

A new and larger version of the external wing tanks for the Northrop F-5 aircraft will be manufactured by Aeronca, Inc., under a contract valued at \$750,000. A. G. Handschumacher, president of Aeronca, has announced.

The new tanks have 275-gallon capacity instead of the 150-gallon capacity of earlier versions. Each aircraft carries two aluminum external wing tanks and the F-5 can also be fitted with a third external tank under the fuselage.

Manufacture of tooling and the initial production units will be handled by a division of Aeronca's Aerospace Group here.

Diabetes Group To Hold Session

Diet Control will be the topic for a panel discussion Tuesday, Jan. 23, at a meeting of the Long Beach Chapter of the Diabetes Association of Southern California.

The meeting will be held at the Long Beach Health Department, 2655 Pine Ave., at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.